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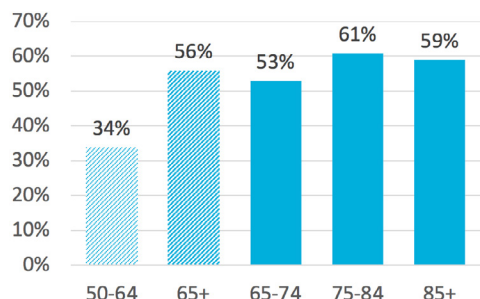
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56% of the POPULATION AGED 65+ IN CALEDON ARE IMMIGRANTS

Most immigrants over the age of 65 in Caledon are **not racialized**.

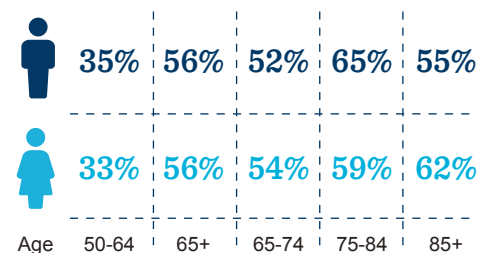
Age

% of population of Caledon who are immigrants x age



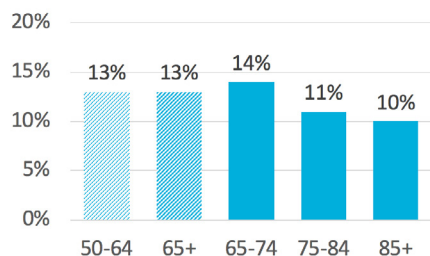
Gender

■ % of men 65+ in Caledon who are immigrants
■ % of women 65+ in Caledon who are immigrants



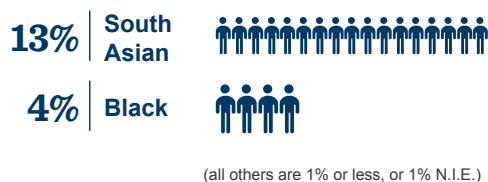
Visible Minority Groups

% of people in Caledon over age of 65 who are visible minorities

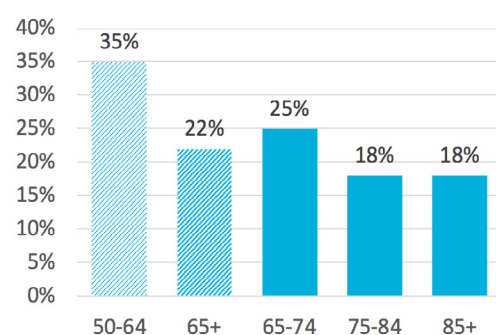


As a comparison, in Caledon the total population of people who are visible minorities is 19%.

For those who are 65+ in Caledon who are immigrants

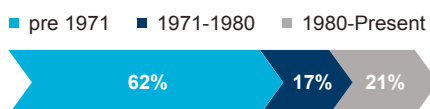


of those who are immigrants, the % of people who are visible minorities



Live Alone Vs. Live with Others

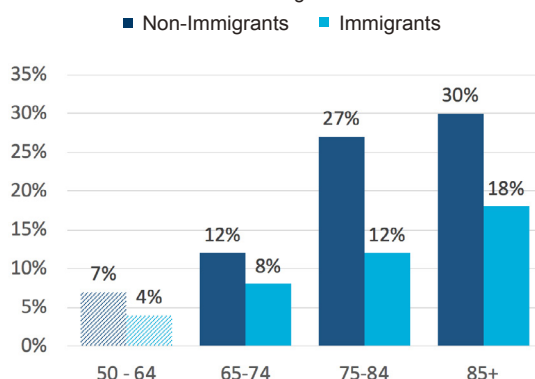
% of immigrants 65+ in Caledon - time period of immigration



Percentages of immigrants 65+ living alone **decrease** as the time of immigration becomes more recent.

Those who immigrated to Canada pre-1971 are **less likely to be a visible minority** (96% reported they are not a visible minority).

% of immigrants in Caledon who live alone vs. non-immigrants



82% immigrants age 65+ WHO LIVE ALONE SPEAK ENGLISH
or English plus another language at home.

Italian (11%) is also spoken by immigrants age 65+ who live alone, followed by Portuguese (1%) and English and French (1%).

(all others are 1% or less, or 1% N.I.E.)

Top Languages Spoken by Immigrant Population 65+

14% individuals 65+ who are immigrants **DO NOT KNOW** either of the official languages
This number is greater among those 85+ (33%).

63% **SPEAK ENGLISH** or English plus another language when at home

18% speak Italian

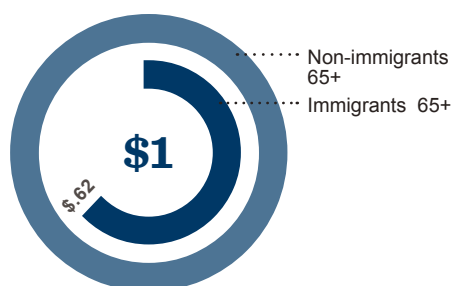
9% speak Punjabi

2% speak Portuguese

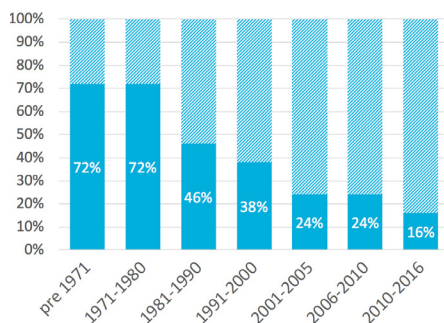
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Median Income Differentials

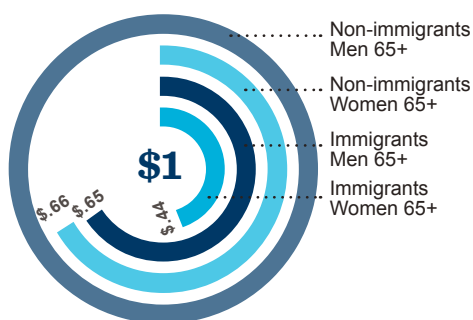
Immigrants who are age 65+ have **substantially lower** median incomes than non-immigrants who are 65+.



Median income of immigrants relative to non-immigrants according to time frame of immigration



Men and women who are immigrants both make less compared to their non-immigrant counterparts. However, immigrant **women** make **substantially less** than immigrant men.

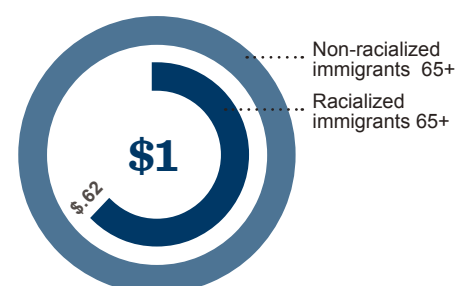


The difference is **more substantial when considering the time frame** when someone immigrated to Canada.

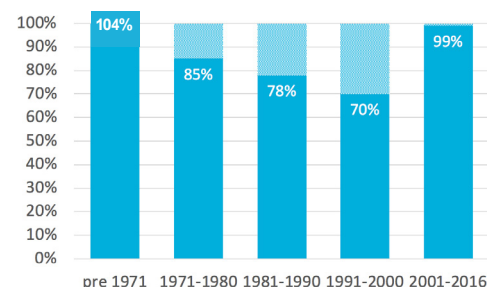
Lack of access to Old Age Security and other benefits programs is a likely explanation for this striking difference in the more recent years, but cannot account for all differences.

Racialized Immigrants

Racialized immigrants ages 65+ report **lower median incomes** than non-racialized immigrants 65+.



Median income of racialized immigrants relative to non-racialized immigrants by time frame of immigration



Considerations for the Town of Caledon

The Town of Caledon has the **smallest percentage of racialized older adult immigrants** aged 65+ of all cities/towns in the Region of Peel. The provision of services to low-income immigrants is an area of need specific to the Town of Caledon, as income needs will be greater among women and recent immigrants to Canada.

Languages spoken by older adults in Caledon should be reflected in the programs and services offered to them. Programs and services delivered in **Italian and Punjabi and Portuguese**, in addition to English, will serve the majority of older adult immigrants living in Caledon.

Most immigrant older adults in Caledon live with family – however, older adult immigrants may still experience social isolation and/or feelings of loneliness while living in **multigenerational households**.

For details about this research study and other resources in this Toolkit visit https://source.sheridancollege.ca/centres_elder_building_connected_communities/

Note to users: As per Statistics Canada (2018) the immigrant population is defined in the 2016 Census as persons who are, or who have been, landed immigrants or permanent residents in Canada. This excludes non-permanent residents (i.e., persons in Canada who have a work or study permit or who are refugee claimants).

Recent immigrant refers to an immigrant who first obtained their landed immigrant or permanent resident status in the five years prior to a given census. In the 2016 Census, the period is from January 1, 2011 to May 10, 2016.

These data sheets use "racialized" interchangeably with "visible minority" which Statistics Canada defines as per the Employment Equity Act as "persons, other than Aboriginal peoples, who are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in colour" (Statistics Canada, 2018).

N.I.E – Not Indicated Elsewhere includes respondents who reported a write-in response such as 'Guyanese,' 'West Indian,' 'Tibetan,' 'Polynesian'.

Source: Statistics Canada, custom tabulation (2016 Census). 2018.